

**Robert Stewart to George Washington, July 25, 1758,
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FROM CAPTAIN ROBERT STEWART.

CRESAPS July 25th. 1758 8 oClock P M —

DEAR SIR

From the bottom of a heart that overflows with Joy I beg leave to offer my Congratulations on you happy Election! doubly so in it's manner, which considering the vast majority of votes, your absence and your having so long Commanded the whole of that Country in the worst of times,¹ must greatly redound to your honour and in all true human probability will be thrice happy in its consequences

Tomorrow morning a Strong Party Marches from hence to Escort our two Heroes up

Inclos'd is my weekly Return —

Nothing remarkable has happen'd since my arrival here—Our Reconnoitring Party have made no Discoveries —

My bad State of Health continues or rather encreases—That you may enjoy Health and every thing else agreeable are the sincere wishes of him who ever is with the highest Esteem & Regard

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My Dear Colo. Your most affecte. & Obt. hble Servt. ROBERT STEWART

Please offer my Complemts. to Colo. Byrd & Colo. Mercer

1 Considering the command which he had been obliged to exercise in Frederick Country for near five years, and the restraints which the exigency of circumstances required him occasionally to put upon the inhabitants, this result was deemed a triumphant proof of his abilities, address, and power to win the affections and confidence of the people.—SPARKS.